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body has an access site disposed therein in addition to said guidewire entry site

44. (Amended) [The] An access port [of claim 43 wherein] having a body substantially made of a rigid impenetrable material and having an outlet configured to be fixedly attached to a catheter in continuous, unimpeded fluid communication with a reservoir disposed within said body, said body having a self sealing penetrable septum disposed in the upper portion thereof and a closeable port in said body opposite said catheter outlet and substantially in alignment therewith providing outside entry to said reservoir, said port [is] being closed by a threaded bolt or screw.

**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the language of claim 10-12 to improve the clarity of the claim language and amended claim 44 to place this claim in independent form.

Claims 10-12, 23-27, 35-42, and 44 are pending.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would advance the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (202-408-4244).

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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